JOHN H. OBERLY. Editor

WAS IT PROM BONALDSON?

A card taken from a bottle found or the Lake shore near Chicago on Sunday last by a fisherman-containing the e.July 16, 2 a. m .- We cannot stay up here more than an hour, as the gas is rapidly escaping. N. S. G."-is causing considerable discussion in Chicago as to whether it was or was not written by Donaldson's companion on his ill-fated balloon voyage. The handwriting has been compared to Grimwood's and found to somewhat resemble it. The fisherman who carried the card to the Times office has made affidavit that he picked it up in a bottle as represented by

IN HIS LAMPS.

The San, under the head of "Don't See It." says: "A certain Alderman in this city seems determined to 'run' it his own way or 'bust.' He probably was given to understand last night [Tuesday night] that in trying to do'the same' he will find 'Jordan a hard road to travel.' The Council 'don't see it in those lamps.' Who is the man-the Alderman? Is the Sun throwing a brick at Alderman Halliday? What has he done to the San? Alderman Halliday took, it is true, a very prominent part in the proceedings of Tuesday night; and, although the Sun asserts to the contrary, the Council did see it in his identical lamps. He made every important motion, but one or two, and the Council with great manimity sustained him. The San ought to be better

O'CONNELL'S CENTENNIAL.

The centennial birthday of Daniel O'Connell was celebrated with great ceremony in Dublin. Friday was the centennary proper, but the exercises began on Thursday and were continued through Saturday. The demonstrations opened yesterday with a solemn religious ceremonial, at which the cardinal and bishop of Dublin officiated; the Dominican priest, Father Tom Burke, preached the sermon; in the evening, a grand concert of select Irish music was given and the centennary ode, by Dennis Florence McCarthy, was read. To-day, the grand procession, in which one million of men were expected to march will take place, and at its conclusion an oration will be delivered by Lord O'Hagan. In the evening, banquets and balls will take place. On Saturday, excursions from Dublin to the chief scenic and historical districts, boat races on the river, and athletic sports of various kinds. The second day of the celebration, falling on Friday, the Pope, "in recognition of the life and labors of O'Connell," has suspended the law of abstinence on that day in all Ireland.

DEFENDING THE GOVERNOR.

The State Journal defends Gov. Beveridge against the charge that he has not done what he might to bring the bloodyhanded assassins of Williamson county to the rope's end; but the defense is a to make an appropriation to hire detectives, that Gov. Beveridge is justified in which he is the executive officer. He not infrequently offers rewards for the apprehension of men who have committed murder in lilinois; why, then, does he not offer rewards for the apprehension of the cowardly dogs-the cold-blooded asmoney in his fund, why don't he at least say something in disparagement of the conduct of the officers of Williamson, who have not the bravery to make an effort to clear their county of the murdering outlaws who disgrace it? Why don't Beveridge open his mouth and let us know that he is not asleep-that he is aware of the deplorable condition of atfairs in Williamson? If he would only induce some correspondent of a Chicago paper, or one of the Springfield papers. to say that, when he heard of the assassinations in Egpyt, he got up in a rage and declared with emphasis: "It is a damned shame !" we would feel better. Such evidence would go far to prove that at least he is not a slumberer in his high

THE LOST BALLOONMEN.

The fate of Donaldson and Grimshaw is yet in doubt.

An Eastern paper publishes a let ter from some man who saw Donaldson in Canada since his ascension. He had cut off his whiskers and was disguised. It was believed he was endeavoring to induce the world to talk about him-that in other words he was advertising himself.

The Chicago Times, on the 2d inst. published an affidavit, signed by James McAffray, a workman in South Chicago, to the effect that on the 1st inst. he had picked up on the lake shore, near Hyde Park, a bottle containing a card, on which was written the following; "July 16, 2 a. m.-We cannot stay up more than an hour longer, as the gas is rapidly escaping. N. S. G." This date is that of the night on which Donaldson and Newton S. Grimwood started from there in a balloon, from which pothing has since been heard. The affidavit sets forth that the bottle was found on the shore, having apparently been washed up by the sea, which has set in this direction; that deponent has no knowledge of how it came there, and believes it was thrown up by chance, and that the note was written by Grimwood. The note is barely legible, and appears to have been

N APOLOGY TO THE ALDERMEN. We have played thunder.

We have offended the council. We remarked yesterday that that august body had, in our opinion, placed itself in a false position by its action on the Mayor's "reasons" for removing Whitcamp and Schuster from the police force, and to show this we wrote a little paragraph-a very little one-as follows ;

"A fittle thing in a policemen like threatening to shoot a woman is no good ceason for removing him. The right of policemen to threaten to shoot a woman as been established by the council."

Of course we meant this-sarcastic person that we are!—as a sareastic assertion that the Council had blundered; but members of the Council-(this is such a matter of fact world and Aldermen are such matter of fact people)-members of the Council have actually—(shade of the humorous Artemus Ward, how funny is this!)-have actually come to the conclusion that we meant to charge that they believe a policeman ought to be permitted to threaten to shoot women! that they are in favor of shooting women! We are amazed!

Why, look at it: Is not the Council

alrous men? Could anybody induce anybody else to believe that Alderman Halliday would tolerate a policeman who threatened to shoot a woman? Would his colleague from the Fifth, the amiable Lancaster, think of shooting a woman? Could the gentle Nellis, or the handsome Patier, be induced to even think of shooting a woman? believes that Rittenhouse, better than he is handsome, gentler than he is good. and as handsome and good as the best of men, would not shrink from the idea of shooting a woman? And Thistlewood!he shoot a woman. No, no; banish the thought! Wright? He never even thought of shooting a woman. He wouldn't; he would throw away the gun, and ask her to rally to arms-somebody else's arms! Yocum? Why, good Lord!

ate the idea of woman-shooting. We never, even for a moment, thought the Council were woman-shooters. meant to be sarcastic, and failed? We did, indeed. And now we make a solemn vow to be hereafter, in our treatment of the Council, as matter of fact as an old shoe. We apologize!

of all men he would be the last to toler-

PRINCELY-HOUSED GRADED Versus COTTAGE-HOUSED COMMON SCHOOLS.

Mr. J. S. McClung, president of the school Principals' Association of Illinois, has discovered that what he calls "the present princely-housed graded schools" of the State, are costing much money and valuable time. After this admission, the Boss of the

Principals asks the very pertinent question: "To compensate for this money and time, what should the schools seek to accomplish?" and adds: "Since the schools are maintained by the State, she has a reasonable right to expect them to furnish in return men and women trained to fill honestly and intelligently the places of good citizens." In return for the much money and valuable time spent upon "the princely-housed graded schools" of Illinois, the State is to receive in return men and women trained to fill honestly and intelligently the taxation, but are opposed to extravagant Main, Walnut and Vine, in Cincinnati. very weak one. It will not do to say, places of good citizens; and 'hence," that because the General Assembly failed says Mr. McClung, "the formation of such habits as will develop good character is a legitimate object of school work." coolly sitting by while a reign of terror | In other words, in order that the State exists in a neighborhood of the State of may be compensated for the much money and valuable time expended upon "the princely-housed graded schools" of the State, Mr. McClung, who in this matter is the voice of the "educators" of Illinois. would have the masters devote themselves to the business of cultivating-forming, Mr. McClung would have it-such habsassins-of Williamson? If he has no its in the public school pupils as will develop good character. We infer, therefore, that, in the opinion of the princelyhoused graded school teachers of the McClung way of thinking, certain habits develop into good character, and good character developed out of certain habits is evidence that men and women of good character thus developed will always prove to be honest and intelligent citi-

> Mr. McClung may be right, but it may be worth while to inquire whether men and women trained to fill honestly and intelligently the places of good citizens, might not be furnished to the State, by the formation in schools that cost less money and not so much valuable time as our princely-housed graded schools of such habits as will develop good charaeter? If such men and women can be furnished to the State by less costly schools, would we not do well to patronize the cheaper schools? Why princely-housed graded schools, if cottaged-house common schools will do the work Mr. Mc-Clung mentions? Princely-housed graded schools versus cottaged-housed common schools; this is the case about to be tried by the tax-burdened people of Illinois.

THAT DANGEROUS LEAGUE. The San, very inconsiderately, has at-

nates a "Tax-Payers' League," and has intimated, if not directly charged, that the gentlemen in the movement are desirous of stealing something and escaping from the payment of their taxes. We tion of tax-collectors, attempted passage have, since this uncalled for and insulting charge was made, taken the trouble to run the movement down and ascertain the intentions of its movers. We have ascertained that the objects of the proposed society are, that "we, the tax-payers of Cairo"-not one tax-payer but all who may wish to take part in the movement-"being desirous of developing its advantages [the advantages of the necessity of extraordinary sessions of Cairo], promoting its growth and pro- the legislature to cure blunders and toltecting its interests; and, believing that lies of the regular sessions, and to the 'in Tunion there is strength,' and that expected executive and legislative written hastily, and with an unsteady hand. People in Chicago intimately acquainted with Grimwood, say the note is not in his handwriting. Mystery therefore still enshrouds the fate of the zerogreater efficiency can be obtained by com-

by themselves, enarges to be made for dues, and the association to be organized | public officers. when fifty members have signed this agreement."

To this proposed association the Sun objects, and intimates that the gentlemen who may compose it must be thieves, tax-dodgers, and in short very great rascals. It calls them Tammany men, and asks insulting questions. It talks about ome of the gentlemen, who have signed their names "crawfishing," and remarks they-meaning the crawfishers-"don't seem to know why parties who don't pay their taxes should desire a league." It hints that the league is a parlor into which a terrible spider is inviting the innocent flies of Cairo! We eannot understand this attack

Does the Sun object to an association of citizens, the object of which is to advance the interests of Cairo? Don't the Son know that such an association is a pecessity in this city? We have here no place composed of the very flower of our chiv- at which our people can congregate and consult about local affairs. Only occasionally do three or four of our citizens gather together in the name of the city's interests, and then more by accident than design. So that there are never any consultations among our people about our city, never any united ef-! fort of citizens to do anything to develop it. Each citizen sits at home and grumbles at his neighbors. He complains and does nothing. Now, would it not be well city, to act upon any suggestion made in its interest and generally to labor to bring prosperity to our streets? Is it quite tair in the Sun to say that men attempting to organize such a society are rascals? Is t fair to say that such a society will be a spider's parlor? Does the Sun wish to be understood as saying that a society into which all the tax-payers of Cairo may enter is to be deprecated, because the members cannot control themselves? We fear the Sun has been listening to evil suggestions; or maybe Mr. Davis, being guiltless of bearing any-or at least much -of our heavy burden of taxation, has a prejudice against the noble army of taxpayers and desires to put the men who compose it down. He should lose no

SENSIBLE AND SOUND PLAT-FORM. The Democrats of Mississippi, led by nen like Hon. L. Q. C. Lamar, have

time in rising to explain.

adopted a sensible and sound declaration of principles. In the preamble, they invoke the blessing of Almighty God upon their efforts, his personal affairs. and invite all citizens of the State who

favor an honest, impartial and economical administration to unite with them upon the following platform :

tain the civil and political equality of all States. men, as established by the constitution of the United States and the amendments thereto.

Second-We are in favor of the education of all the children of the State; of public schools, sustained by adequate or partisan administration of such schools.

Third-We favor the selection of honst, faithful and competent men for all mees, from the highest to the lowest. Fourth-We favor economy in the administration of the government, the abolition of useless, unnecessary offices, the reduction of fees and salaries of those

that are retained, and a strict and rigid accountability of all officers having control of the public money or charged with its collection. Fifth-Biennial sessions of the legislaure and a reduction of expenses in that | convention.

department of the government, and we denounce the Republican party in this State for violated pledges on the subject. Sixth-Selection of an able and impartial judiciary, and confining the judges to their judical functions purely, so that all temptation to partisanship shall be re-

moved. Seventh--Discontinuance of the enormous evil of special and local legislation, and instead, the enactment of general laws, under which local and private in-

terests will be fully protected. Eighth-Encouragement of agriculture by securing the farmer and laborer just reward for their toil and capital, and by relief from burdensome taxation, which

must consume their substance. Ninth-Encouragement of manufac-

tures in our midst. Tenth-Elevation of the standard of official character, so as to infuse into official life a sense of public duty, a spirit of patriotism and integrity, to the end that good law and public authority may be invested with the moral influence and dignity which will insure respect and

Eleventh-We favor immediate action by the general government for the protection of the Mississippi river lowlands tacked a proposed society, which it desigagainst inundation.

Twelfth-Building up partisan newspapers by legislation, arming militia of the Louvre, in six months the work in time of peace, unconstitutional attempts to take from the people an elecof a metropolitan police bill, attempted corruption of judiciary by the use of executive patronage, we denounce as gross outrages upon constitutional liberty; while as evidence of further incapacity of our present rulers to administer the affairs of State, we point to the mass of confusion in which the revenue and registration laws of the State have become involved:

ment of the above ends, said association to unite vigorously with us in the apto be governed by such rules and regula- proaching canvass in a determined effort burg Ch.

tions as may hereafter be determined upon to give success to the foregoing principles and thus seeme to ourselves and to maintaining the organization, not to ex- our posterity the blessings of an honest ceed one dollar for an initiation fee, and and economical government, administwenty-five cents per month for monthly | fered by able, efficient and competent

AFFAIRS in the oil regions of Pennsylvania are believed to be reaching a crisis. The supply of oil is in immense excess or the demand, and the laboring classes find their occupation gone. A deep conspiracy is said to exist for the purpose of getting rid of their troubles at one fell swoop, by the demolition by fire in one day, at a preconcerted signal, or the colossal quantity of oil now tanked, Several plans for placing affairs on a better footing and soothing down the communistic feelings of the laborers have been proposed, but nothing definite has been decided, and an outbreak may occur at any time.

THE Aldermen wish us to take their acion in its "oneness," and not construe it according to the strict rules of parliamentary proceeding. Very well; and, when we do so, we have no hesitation in saying they are right-one of them is always Wright), and the Mayor is wrong. But when we take their action in its manyness, if we may be allowed the expression, they are not right, although Wright is with them, and the Mayor is not wrong.

THE fifteenth annual convention of the American national teacher's association was concluded at Minneapolis, Minn., yesterday. Five hundred teachers were present. President Allyn of the Normal University at Carbondale, and Superinto organize a society to talk about our tendent Etter were of the number, and were placed by the President on the committee on teachers and schools

The valley of the Scioto river, Ohio, between Columbus and Cincinnati, is overwhelmed with water. Residents of the valley for fitty years say that no similar destruction of crops by an overflow has ever occurred before. The loss in the valley is estimated at over half a million of dollars.

Cincago is about to enter into a railroad war with St. Louis. The roads leading out of the latter city are selling round trip and excursion tickets at very low rates, and Chicago proposes to undersell them.

THE assassing of Williamson county, since murdering Sisney and Spence, shot at a shadow on a window curtain, and missed the man who east it. This is only a little thing-not worth mentioning.

ANDREW JOHNSON Was looking for death, having had premonitions of apoplexy, and for several months prior to his decease, was engaged in winding up

GEN. GIDEON J. PILLOW is suggested by a correspondent of the Memphis Appeal as a proper man to succeed Andrew First-We recognize and will main- Johnson in the Senate of the United

> TILTON's lawyers have notified the Beecher party that they will move for a new trial on the first Monday in September-after the summer vacation.

THE streets of Broadway, Sycamore, are under water from a depth of a few inches to four and five feet.

ONE hundred children a day are dying of cholera infantum in New York city, and physicians are called on for volunteer services.

HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSON, the poet and novelist of Denmark, died in Copenhagen on the 4th inst., at the age of sev-

FIFTY-ONE voting precincts in Texas have voted in favor of a constitutional

Art Items.

-Tojetti, an artist, is said to have fooled in Francisco into enthusiasm over an oil-painted copy of a drawing by Dore, representing it as an original picture. Five pieces of tapestry, evidently of

Flemish origin, with designs from Raphal's pictures on the Loggia of the Vatican, were lately sold in London for \$2,-575. Seven hundered old coins, gathered

during a residence of fifteen years in Japan, have been presented to the Mu-seum at Brussels. Some of them ante-date the Christian era. The donor's name is not given, but he is an ex-Consul to Japan.

-At the late sale of pictures at Ham Hall, Staffordshire, England, one work was designated as "Lafayette signing the Declaration of Independence of Ameri-ca," and it is stated to have once been in the possession of Robesplerre. It was a genuine Greuze, and was bought by Agnew for £100.

-Dr. Bessels, a member of the Polaris Arctic Expedition, has one volume of his report upon that expedition in the hands f the printer, and the remaining two well under way. They will average nearly 400 pages, and are anxiously looked for in order to obtain a clear insight into that misty Polar journey.

—The task of restoring the statue of Napoleon for the Column Vendome, and reproducing the statuette of Victory, which Napoleon held in his hand, and which cannot be found, has been entrusted to M. M. Pennell, who holds the post of restorer of antiquities to the Museum

is to be completed.

—Through Hon. G. P. Marsh, United

—University States Minister in Italy, the University of Vermont has received a large and valuable collection of manuscripts of the thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth centuries. These documents were pre-sented to the University by Pro-fessor Giuseppe Ferraro, of Ferrara, who also sends a printed volume, edited and annotated by him, of the text of the statues contained in one of the volumes.

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